

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 10 as follows:

As shown in FIG. 1, services in a grid computing environment **100** manage computational resources for applications. The grid computing environment **100** is a set of distributed computing resources that can individually be assigned to perform computing or data retrieval tasks for the applications. The computational resources include computer devices **12, 14, 16, 18, 20, and 22**. The computer devices communicate using a network **8**. The applications have scalable computational requirements. For example, an example application that uses computer devices **12, 14, 16, 18, 20, and 22** in the grid computing environment **100** is an internet pricing configurator (IPC). The computer device **12** provides network access to pricing information to users via web browsers on computer devices that are connected to the internet. The web browsers can be any application able to display content and/or execute applications such as web pages, media files, and programs, such as Netscape Navigator.RTM., Microsoft Internet Explorer.RTM., and similar applications.